

## CAREER TECHNICAL TRAINING AREA

# Plastering



## Do You Like ...

- ... working with your hands?
- ... being active on the job?
- ... solving problems?
- ... building and fixing things?

If so, you may be a good candidate for Job Corps' **Plastering** career training program.

## SKILLS

**Learn how to perform the essential tasks of a plasterer, including:**

- » Using brushes and trowels, and other industry tools, equipment, and machines.
- » Measuring and mixing plaster to achieve the right consistency for each job.
- » Mixing and applying base and finishing coats.
- » Protecting nearby surfaces from splatters.
- » Installing lathing, drywall, and plaster bases.

## EXPECTATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

**While on the job, you will be expected to display the following traits at all times:**

- » Integrity and dependability
- » Teamwork
- » Attention to detail

**And you will need to meet a few basic requirements in order to be hired as a plasterer, including having:**

- » Strong math and reading skills
- » A high school diploma or the equivalent
- » Completion of the core curriculum and passing scores on all written and performance tests

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## CREDENTIALS

As a Job Corps student, you can earn credentials in your training area that demonstrate you have **gained the knowledge and skills** to help you **succeed in your career**. Credentials may lead to greater employment opportunities, higher wages, and promotions.

Students who complete a center-based Construction training area can earn **nationally recognized credentials** from organizations such as the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER).

Students training in union-affiliated and national-contracted programs, such as the United Brotherhood of Carpenters (UBC), International Masonry Institute (IMI), International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT), National Plastering Industry Joint Apprenticeship Trust Fund (NPIJATF), Home Builders Institute (HBI), Transportation Communications Union (TCU), and United Auto Workers (UAW), can earn a pre-apprentice certificate of completion that offers registered apprenticeship opportunities and on-the-job experience.

## CAREER OPTIONS

Most **Plastering graduates go to work for construction companies or plastering unions**. Plasterers spend most of the day on their feet in all kinds of environments—projects may be inside, outside, or elevated on scaffolding. Many plasterers work full time, but some may be hired on a contract basis.

## SALARY

The average starting salary for plasterers is **\$39,000/year**.

\*For additional salary information and career path options in this field, visit [mynextmove.org](http://mynextmove.org).



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